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Committee Tabs Stimpert as College's 25th President

Max Dash '18
Editor-in-Chief

On March 3rd, following a six-month national search, Dr. John Lawrence "Larry" Stimpert was officially named the 25th president of Hampden-Sydney College after being unanimously selected by the Board of Trustees.

Most recently the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Economics and Management at DePauw University, a private liberal arts school of about 2,200 students, Stimpert brings an understanding and appreciation of the distinguished characteristics of H-SC, fitting the search committee's leadership profile to a T.

"What I see here is a really distinctive school," Stimpert told the *Tiger* following his introductory press conference. "The mission, I think, especially having a son of my own, is something I can really resonate with. We need good men, we need good citizens, we need people of character who are going to be leaders."

Prior to DePauw, Stimpert served as Professor of Economics and Business at Colorado College, a private liberal arts college of just over 2,000 students.

"I've been working in liberal arts colleges for the last 20 years, and I have a real passion for liberal arts colleges," said Stimpert. "I went to a liberal arts college, and I think in many ways that's created that affinity for this kind of very special education that we offer."

Stimpert's expertise extends beyond liberal arts education, however. Stimpert is also accomplished in the field of economics and management. His articles on management topics have been published in leading academic journals, and he has co-authored two management textbooks. All of that being said, Stimpert will have a lot to prove as a first-time president.

"It's a big step obviously," Stimpert said. "In some ways though, I think the time and experience that I had as Vice President for Academic Affairs was great training ground for that . . . I was responsible for every aspect of the academic program, so the curriculum

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Dr. Larry Stimpert will take over as president this summer. Photo Credit: hsc.edu

One-on-One with Student Body President Eric McDonald

David Bushhouse '19
Staff Writer

DAVID BUSHHOUSE: What does it feel like to be student body president?

ERIC MCDONALD: It feels great, man. I'm just excited and honestly honored, I mean, to represent all the students here at Hampden-Sydney, and I really appreciate all the support I got along the way.

DB: What new insights do you bring to the office? Any big plans?

EM: Yeah, I think I definitely bring a different type of energy—a little bit more creative, maybe. Hopefully with this new president coming in [Dr. Larry Stimpert], it's a perfect time to, you know, start up some new things and get some more involvement around campus and try to get some projects done—

DB: Anything specific?

EM: Well, currently actually new volleyball and basketball courts are getting built. [Former student body president] Matt Goodrich worked with Student Government getting that done this year, so there's going to be an unveiling of that probably next month or so, and then next year it's just going to be ready to roll. And there's another thing I'm working on, which is trying to get recycling here on campus; it's probably going to be one of my big projects working with the new college president….I'm trying to get some more fun stuff here too, for the boys.

DB: What are the most important things people should know about you?

EM: I think, first one, I'm a team player. First and foremost, I'm looking out for everyone that's involved. I've always been like that. Some people might say, 'Well, he only cares about the fraternities or he only cares about this and that.' Well I've been involved with a bunch of different people here on campus. I don't have just one set goal, one set agenda; I'm pretty flexible. I'm not just willing, I want to hear from everyone else so we can make this place better. They should know my ability to usher all these ideas; I'm pretty dynamic in that sense.

DB: During the election, what was your main strategy to appeal to voters?

EM: I think I tried to not only just appeal through social media, but more personally. I went around and talked to a good amount of people, more so people that I just never really talked to before, so I thought that was kind of a cool way just kind of getting my name out there for people who didn't really know me beforehand.

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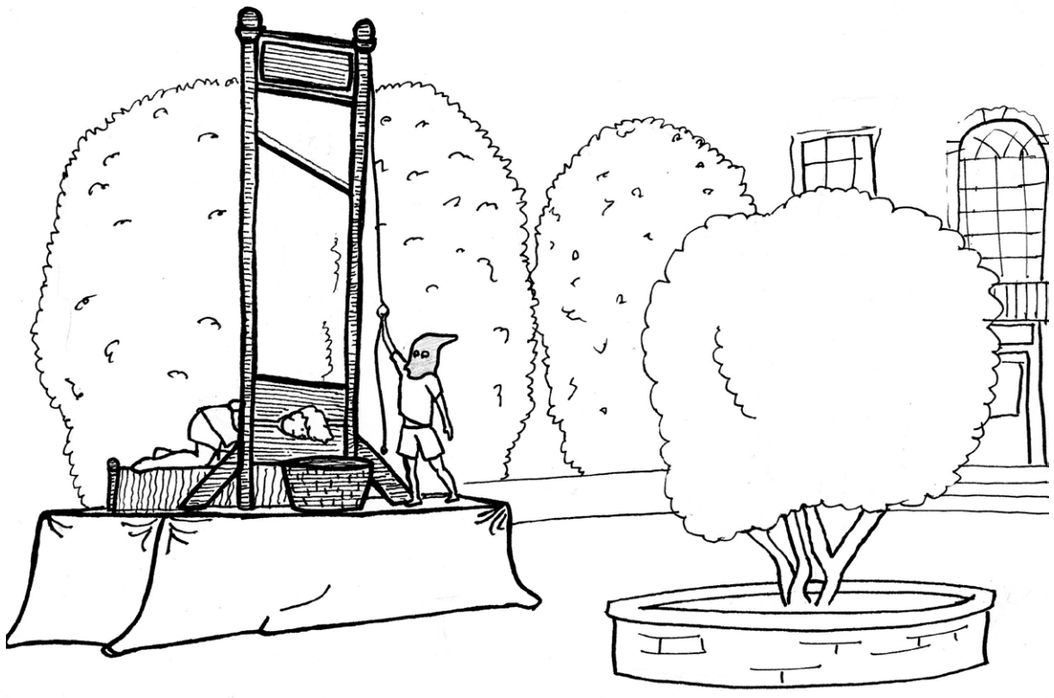

"You know, in hindsight, the 'boot' policy doesn't seem so bad, after all..."

Andrew Marshall

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Editorials

Hello From the Other Side (of Via Sacre)

Max Dash '18
Editor-in-Chief

Remember us? You may or may not have noticed that this is the first *Hampden-Sydney Tiger* to hit shelves since February 26th. I can explain.

We had planned to print this issue two weeks ago, on March 18th. The Joseph Viar and Bonnie Christ Fine Arts Center in Brinkley Hall had other plans.

The renovations going on in Winston Hall forced us to move our HQ from the basement of Winston to the basement of Johns Auditorium. So immediately following our February 26th issue, we cleaned out the 'Dungeon,' and by the time everyone was back from spring break, we were all moved in to our new, less dungeony Dungeon in Johns.

Here's the problem: *we* were good to go; our computer—the one I am currently typing on that is responsible for laying out each issue—was not. Unfortunately, the computer did not get hooked up to ethernet/WiFi until it was too late to print the paper that week.

So why didn't we just print it the following week? Glad you asked.

At the start of the next week, I was informed that I would be taking over as Editor-in-Chief. What I didn't realize—until I texted my predecessor, Mr. Alex Abbott, asking when our next issue would be coming out—was that my new role was effective immediately. "Your call, sir!" he replied.

So at this point in the story we have a brand new Editor in charge of a newspaper with unstable living conditions. Oh, and Alex was in DC all week. Spoiler alert: no issue that week.

Which takes us to today. Thankfully, Alex was able to brief me in time for this issue, and I was able to scrap together enough content to make what you are currently holding possible. The conditions under which this issue was made were far from ideal, but you good people have been walking past the same damn front page for too damn long, so here ya go.

From this point forward, the *Tiger* will be firing on all cylinders with the goal of finishing out the year strong. There are some exciting plans on the horizon, and we will be spending these next few issues building towards those plans becoming realities within the next academic year. Thank you all for your patience over this past month, and go Tigers.

Johns Auditorium, the new home of the Hampden-Sydney Tiger. Not the actual auditorium, though; the basement. But hey, at least our chairs are comfier. Photo Credit: hsc.edu

Taylor Talk: The Five Love Languages

Taylor Anctil '16 & Josh Taylor '16
Staff Writers

Valentine's Day has passed, and it is time to ante-up. If you and your beloved want to make it to next year, you need to bring your relationship to the next level. As our dear Col. Snead would say, you need a 4-year plan. That said, if you are just out to have a good time, keep it up, and call us again when you are 40 and dead on the inside. For those with the personal integrity and fortitude to think seriously about their relationships, we offer up a paraphrase of Dr. Gary Chapman's work, *The 5 Love Languages.*

Our thesis is that everyone expresses and experiences affection in a few certain ways, and it is crucial to the success of a relationship to determine how you and your partner each communicate affection. The primary five ways are quality time, words of affirmation, gift giving, acts of service and physical touch (wink-wink-nudge-nudge). Often relational problems arise from each individual expressing affection only in their own way, not considering how their partner may feel differently. For example, while your girl might be all about that quality time, you might appreciate verbal affirmation and encouragement. So, complement her all you like, she willll still miss you not spending time with her. Over time, frustration about misunderstandings like this creates a dysfunctional environment, rife with disappointment and resentment.

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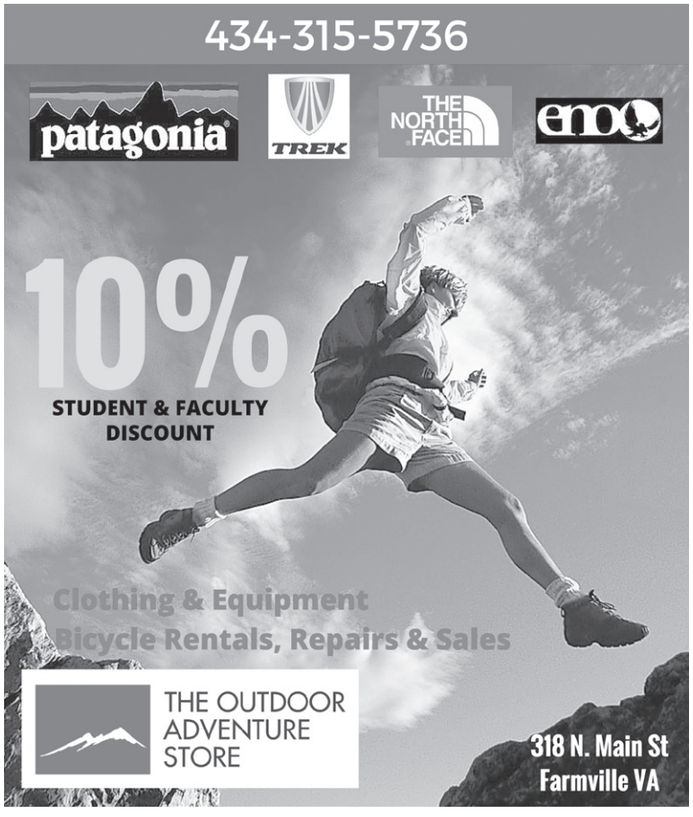
Recent Endowments Spark Discussion Over Rhetoric Program Upgrades

Chris Williams-Morales '17
Copy Editor

It's a basic fact that Hampden-Sydney prides itself on its Rhetoric Program. Well now that program has another endowment. Thanks to the philanthropy of Trustees led by Chairman M. Peebles Harrison'89, the rhetoric department now has a more money to use for expansion and renovation. This endowment is sure to help, along with the money from a past endowment given by John Macfarlane '76. Macfarlane's contribution ended being the motivator for Mr. Harrison and the other Trustees. I sat down with Dr. Katherine Weese, Rhetoric Director, on how that endowment could be best utilized.

At the moment, nothing definite is in the works. Professors within the department have discussed what possibilities are available. Most likely, proposals will be drawn, but once again, nothing definite is in the works. After speaking with Dr. Weese, I did learn that one of the most debated topics at the moment is the renovation of the writing center. Weese described how even though the professors have had much time to discuss possibilities, some ideas include updating the speaking center, updating the equipment of the laptop classroom. Nothing is definite at the moment, but changes will come over time, allowing future HSC student to make the best of the Rhetoric Program.



Entrepreneurs Out to Make Names for Themselves on Campus

Jacob Mitchell '19
Staff Writer

Jacob Mitchell Many students may not realize it, but the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well at Hampden-Sydney College. While there are other entrepreneurs at the College, I only had the opportunity to speak with two of them: Rollie Edwards '17 and Joshua Chamberlin '17.

Rollie Edwards began creating handmade cotton bowties his senior year of high school. When asked how he came up with the idea, Edwards explained that it all began when he was invited to a formal American Flag-themed party. He said that he began searching Vineyard Vines for a bowtie that would suit the occasion. Edwards soon realized that a $60 bowtie was not worth the price. He said, "I'm not buying a sixty-dollar bowtie." He said that his mom then suggested the idea of making his own, so they cut up one of his bowties and used it as a model for making a custom bowtie. He said he realized that making a bowtie was actually pretty simple; Whitley Cotton Company was the result.

Whitley Cotton Company now sells handmade cummerbunds and bowties at reasonable prices. Edwards' bowties only cost $20, a bargain compared to those expensive, mass-produced bowties from large companies. He said that he has just recently started making bowties out of neckties. To date, Edwards said that he has sold nearly one-hundred bowties, and that faculty and staff are some of his main customers.

The company's Facebook page states, "A true gentlemen knows the value of a sharp looking bow tie."

Whitley Cotton Company can be found on Facebook, where many pictures show his very dapper bowties. The company can also be found on Twitter and Etsy. Edwards takes custom orders and can be contacted by email at WhitleyCottonCo@yahoo.com.

Student Senator Joshua Chamberlin is another entrepreneur here on campus. He sells t-shirts with designs on the front pocket. During freshman year, Chamberlin said he got the idea from the Polo Ralph Lauren Polo Bear sheet set. Starting with those sheets, he cut out the fabric with the bears and had a seamstress put the pieces on t-shirt pockets. Chamberlin said, "It was kind of a preppy thing." His business has expanded to long-sleeve t-shirts and applying different graphics to front pockets. He now uses plaids, mallards, and hounds for pocket designs. Over 100 shirts have been sold. Chamberlin said that the business has slowed, but that he still takes orders by request. Short-sleeve t-shirts are $20 and long-sleeve t-shirts are $25. He does not have any business-specific contact information. All the shirts sold have been sold through word-of-mouth referrals.

Chamberlin suggested that he would like to see a student-led entrepreneurship club started on campus. Since he has become so busy, he said he hopes some freshman would get involved with forming the entrepreneurship club. He expressed willingness to help with the club if it were started.

Chamberlin also mentioned Student Business Saturday, which is held once a year during a football game. He suggested that he would like to see more support and promotion of student entrepreneurs on campus; he has some great ideas.

Both Edwards and Chamberlin hope to continue their entrepreneurial endeavors.

Taylor Talk Continued

On the other hand, if you start learning about your partner's language of choice now, and develop the skill to speak it, you are taking an important step to strengthen the relationship early.

Now, we would like to close on an important note. For those not in a romantic relationship – do not think you are exempt! Realize that you already have some of the most important relationships of your life in place already. Relationships with So, whether you are single or have already paid her dowry in yams, we guarantee your relationship can benefit from a little education.

Weekend Lineup

Friday

Jackass Flats @ PiKA 3p
DJ Dotson @ Theta Chi 10p
The Breakfast Club @ SAE 10p
Stop Light Observations @ Sigma Chi 10p

Saturday

Harley Boone @ PiKA 12:30p
Run the Ride @ Sigma Chi 1p
Soul Transit @ MIC 4p
Horsehead @ SAE 4p
J & The Band @ PiKA 4p
Snackbar Jones @ Theta Chi 10p
2Hype + DeFuge @ MIC
The Dundies @ Sigma Chi 10p
DJ Ben Felton @ PiKA 10p

TIGER REVIEWS

Def Leppard
Def Leppard
★★★★☆

It's been seven years since Def Leppard last released an album, so the anticipation for the British rock band's newest release was very high, and the results were well worth it. Described by guitarist Phil Collen as being the best album they've done in years, Def Leppard's self-titled album is an album jam-packed with catchy, melodious, hard-rocking songs that fans are sure to love.

The album opens with the track "Let's Go." True to their style, the song is an upbeat tune with a strong chorus that really gets the album off to a great start. One can imagine fans singing along to the song at one of the band's concerts.

The next song, "Dangerous" doesn't disappoint as well, and is one of the best songs on the record, and one of the heaviest. The song "Man Enough" is interesting in that it sounds very funky, unlike anything Def Leppard have ever done before, but at the same time it still fits them well.

he best song on the album however, is the song "We Belong" which features all five members of the band sharing lead vocals. I was a little hesitant when I first heard about this song. I much prefer having only one or two vocalists to a song. Moreover, I had no idea how the other members of Def Leppard were as singers. In the end, it ended up becoming my favorite song on the album, and is definitely one of the best songs the band has written in a while.

The rest of the album flows mostly well. It has catchy tunes such as "Invincible" and "Broke and Brokenhearted" but it also has its fair share of filler. Songs like "Battle of My Own" are overly repetitive, and really don't have much going on musically. It's one track that I can honestly say that I didn't care for.

All in all, *Def Leppard* is a huge improvement over its predecessor, *Songs From the Sparkle Lounge*. The songs are better written, better produced, and are a lot more memorable as well. It's not a perfect album, but it's definitely one that will satisfy fans of the band.

-Drew Dickerson '17

Local Eats: Back at it Again in Richmond

Graves Anthony '16
Food Critic

After a long day at the College Republican Federation of Virginia Convention in Chesterfield, Virginia, my fellow club members and I decided to visit a familiar restaurant, Capital Ale House. The restaurant is interesting because it has a large bar in the main dining room. The atmosphere is really good, because in order to go to the restroom you have to go down into the cellar where there is another party room. It reminds me of a prohibition-style speakeasy pub. The bar and the restaurant are filled with dark rich wood. Capital Ale House has many locations including downtown Richmond, Innsbrook, Music Hall, Fredericksburg, and Harrisonburg.

The menu at Capital Ale House is quite diverse, with menu items ranging from crispy artichokes to southern mac and cheese. For an appetizer, I would recommend the platter of fries with all of their different dipping sauces, especially the garlic aioli. I decided to order the southern mac and cheese; its menu description is as follows: "Pimento cheese sauce and bacon with a mound of pimento cheese in the center." This was absolutely true when it arrived at the table. There was a large scoop of pimento cheese sitting on top of perfectly cooked spiral noodles. The bacon chunks were huge in the pimento cheese. It was a delicious meal that wrapped up a good day of politicking.

Overall I enjoy Capital Ale House. It is a good restaurant with good food at reasonable prices. The mac and cheese was delectable and quite the comfort food after a long day. The atmosphere along with the food combine to create a good solid restaurant that I would recommend if you are looking for a good place to go to eat in downtown Richmond. I give Capital Ale House 4 of 5 stars because of all of the reasons above.

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McDonald Continued

DB: What lessons do you think you learned through the campaign process?

EM: I think I learned that the goal or strategy of any election is to show that you can be likable and show that you're personable as well as, you know, someone that people feel comfortable with. I kind of wanted to make people feel that I'm not just, you know, someone to be a good president, but someone they'd see as, you know, as a good guy helping us to take us to the next step.

DB: Some folks, in the wake of the election results said "Well, McDonald ran his campaign through the foot soldiers of Sigma Nu pledges." What do you say to those kinds of allegations?

EM: Well, I think I just used my resources really well. [Chuckles] I had, luckily, a bunch of people, not only my pledges but fraternity brothers—MIC members as well—helping me out with my campaign, just getting the word out, spreading some love around through posters and other things. So I think, to those people, I mean, I have a nice support system, a nice little team behind me too, so you've got to watch out for that. [Laughs]

DB: There's nothing in the *The Key* about that, but people were really fired up. Do you have any idea why?

EM: I don't know. I don't want to be a jerk or anything, but sorry you didn't have the option to do that or you didn't use your resources wisely…. Yeah, it's part of the game.

Thoughts from the Interview:

This interview was my first time meeting McDonald. I would strongly encourage any student that hasn't had the chance to meet him yet to do the same, although it may take a bit of perseverance. At first I was scheduled to meet McDonald in the Tiger Inn at four in the afternoon on the Thursday before break; he picked the time. Arriving at quarter-'til, I sat mulling over my notes, munching my bland quesadilla while the likes of Vanessa Carlton and Matchbox Twenty echoed through the empty restaurant. Chart-toppers in '02 and '03, they sounded awkwardly out of place in 2016. I also felt out of place, sitting alone until nearly half-past four. I'd been stood up, like a tragically unfortunate prom date, but instead of taking off my gaudy tulle dress, I walked away from the TI puzzled.

On the Monday after break, on a tight deadline, I franticly tried to arrange another interview, and McDonald got back to me quickly. "I can meet you anywhere man," he texted. I suggested the TI again, and he agreed, texting "Ok sounds good I'm walking there now." Arriving, I sat in the same seat as before, facing the door. Ten minutes later, after yet more kitsch early 2000s hits, another text: "Sorry many [sic] got tied up in walking over now." Batting away the flashback of the previous botched interview, I calmly waited another ten minutes until finally Eric McDonald rushed in, breathing heavily, and we sat down to talk. It should be noted that McDonald told me in our interview that he was "actually stuck in class" during our first appointment, the time of which he selected.

I think our readers should form their own opinions based on the transcribed interview, but my own observations follow. Talking to McDonald, I thought he seemed perfectly adequate for the position. He communicates cogently, has some vision about where the school should be going, and possesses enough charisma to make me forget, for a moment, that I spent over an hour of my life waiting to talk to him for ten minutes—my father often repeats that old adage, "Eighty percent of success is showing up." Even so, I do not believe I am qualified to make broad-brush character judgments about a fellow simply because he stood me up. I've stood people up before; it happens. I believe most our readers can think back to a time when life got a little too busy and they dropped a ball. And yet, most all of our readers haven't decided themselves to be responsible enough to represent the entire student body. All in all, I think President McDonald is not incompetent, and will carry out his duties to the best of his abilities—if he shows up, that is.

Stimpert Continued

of course, but also the library, the registrar's office, the IT operations. So the challenge, I think, is how do you focus on the real strategic aspects of the job, while also insuring that everything works well . . . I think that's the challenge of any kind of leadership position, is making sure you focus on the big picture, while also insuring that the place runs really well."

In addition to an understanding of the academic value of H-SC, Stimpert also demonstrates a clear recognition of the opportunities available outside of the classroom.

"We must also realize the full potential of our residential campus, to offer young men a living learning environment in which our mission of forming good men and good citizens is advanced through all our students' experiences," Stimpert said in his press conference. "We have unparalleled opportunities to develop all aspects of their lives: intellectual, physical, social, moral, and spiritual. Let us seize this potential and challenge ourselves to create here at Hampden-Sydney the most unique, vibrant student experience on any residential campus in the country,

In speaking with Stimpert following his press conference, it was clear the kind of emphasis he places on student life, and the quality of each students' experience outside of the classroom. What's also clear is that Stimpert's former students feel the same way. Take his reviews on RateMyProfessors.com, for example.

"Larry is the man" the top entry reads. "Will absolutely help you out with anything you need, inside or outside of the classroom, and goes above and beyond to help students in their respective career paths."

Another review reads, "Larry is one of the best professors I've had so far in college. I wasn't particularly interested in the subject matter, but he made the class a worthwhile experience. He made accounting seem more interesting than boring and I could tell how much he wanted all of us to understand what he was teaching us. Such a great guy!"

Of the six reviews, not a single one has anything negative to say., which explains his 4.9/5.0 rating.

"We're excited by what we know Dr. Stimpert is going to be able to accomplish for Hampden-Sydney," Chairman of the Board of Trustees M. Peebles Harrison '89 said. "Not only does he have impeccable credentials as an academic leader, her has demonstrated the kind of vision and skill that will be necessary to lead the institution as a whole."

Harrison outlined that vision when describing the search committee's interview process with Dr. Stimpert.

"When we interviewed Dr. Stimpert, he was very clear about his goals for Hampden-Sydney if he were elected president," Harrison said. These goals were to "1. raise the college's profile and enhance its reputation, 2. create a rock-solid recruiting, admissions, and net revenue posture, and 3. significantly increase the endowment."

Stimpert referred to these goals afterwards as "sort of generic . . . because I think they are the things that all liberal arts colleges aspire to." And if anyone knows what liberal arts colleges aspire to, it's Dr. Stimpert.

After all, he is the man.

TIGER SPORTS

Baseball Searches For Consistency As Spring Rolls Along

Ellis Hopson '16
Sports Editor

As temperatures (finally) begin to rise and the end of the semester appears within sight, Hampden-Sydney Baseball continues to win consistently this spring. The Tigers have been victorious in nine of their last twelve games, and the fashion in which they are winning has varied during the stretch. The H-SC pitching staff has allowed four runs or less in ten of the twelve contests, while the Tiger offense exploded for 17 and 16 runs in wins at Emory & Henry and Sewanee respectively. H-SC appears to be ascending at the right time, with the heart of the ODAC schedule just around the corner.

The Tigers hosted the annual H-SC Classic on February 27th and 28th, facing both York College and Moravian College from Pennsylvania on day one. H-SC swept both games on the day, winning 5-2 over York and 8-1 over Moravian. The Tigers enjoyed strong pitching performances in both contests. Senior Reggie Johnson (Dunnsville, VA) pitched a complete game against York, allowing just two runs on five hits and striking out five batters. Senior Teddy West (Lanexa, VA) pitched a solid seven innings against Moravian, allowing just one run on eight hits and recording six strikeouts. Sophomore Brian Goodwyn (Chester, VA) starred at the plate on day one, going a combined 7-for-8 with four runs scored and one RBI over the two games.

A four-game win streak by the Tigers came to an end in the finale of the H-SC Classic, where Moravian prevailed 5-2. Moravian got off to a quick start, with the leadoff man scoring in the first inning to make it 1-0. H-SC responded in the bottom frame when junior Dustin Wiles (Belmont, NC) scored on an RBI single by freshman Blake Hartman (Chester, VA).

Moravian reclaimed the lead in the third with two runs on two hits and an error, and extended their lead to 5-1 after six innings. The Tigers cut the lead in the bottom of the sixth when freshman Jacob Fontana (Midlothian, VA) scored an RBI single from junior Michael Flanagan (Moseley, VA), but the comeback ultimately fell short.

After a 5-2 home win over Christopher Newport, H-SC traveled to Emory & Henry on March 5th to open their ODAC slate. After dropping the first game of the doubleheader 8-4, the Tigers responded with an explosive 17-6 win in the second game. The H-SC offense was consistently effective on the day, scoring at least two runs in each of the last five innings. Sophomore Moe Gothe (Chester, VA) led the way for the Tigers, going for 4-for-5 with four RBI's and two runs scored.

H-SC enjoyed another explosive offensive performance during a 16-9 road victory at Sewanee on March 8th. The Tigers scored 16 runs on a whopping 21 hits on the day. Junior Cody Smith (Bristol, VA) led the way for H-SC with a masterful performance, going 5-for-6 with three RBI's and three runs scored. Brian Goodwyn and senior Lee Carneal (Charlottesville, VA) each went 2-for-4, with a combined five RBI's and two runs scored.

A three-game sweep of Muhlenberg and a win over Stevenson had the Tigers rolling on a five-game winning streak. However, fortunes soon turned against H-SC as they suffered a 9-2 defeat at Virginia Wesleyan to break the streak, and split a home doubleheader against Roanoke.

A thrilling 13-7 victory over Lynchburg on March 24th got the Tigers back on track for the moment. H-SC racked up 15 hits on the day, led by Goodwyn, Gothe, and Smith with three each. Goodwyn and Gothe were particularly impressive, stealing three bases and driving in five runs, respectively. Freshman pitcher Eric O'Brien (Richmond, VA) earned the win with a solid 6.1 innings, allowing six runs on seven hits while striking out six batters.

The Tigers dropped both games of their home doubleheader against Shenendoah on March 26th. A fifth inning Carneal RBI scored Goodwyn, giving the Tigers their only run in a 7-1 loss in game one. Game two proved to be more evenly matched, with H-SC taking the early 1-0 lead in the first inning, thanks to an RBI double by senior John Lloyd (Glen Allen, VA), scoring Gothe. The Tigers could not hold on, however, giving up three unanswered runs ina a 3-1 defeat.

The team returned to their winning ways Tuesday, holding off a ninth inning rally en route to an 8-7 victory over Averett. The Tigers led 8-1 going into the final half inning, but Averett's six run scoring spree closed the gap to one. Senior Dylan Gonzales (Richmond, VA) came in relief with one out left, securing the final out and recording his first save of the season. Gonzales has been solid coming out of the bullpen for the Tigers this season, posting a 1.27 ERA with 13 strikeouts.

On the offensive side, the Tigers had eight hits. Goodwyn went 3-for-4 with two runs scored; Peevey finished the day 2-for-4 with two RBI; and both Carneal and freshman Tyler Blevins (Draper, VA) went 1-for-2, with two RBI.

Blevins has been a pleasant surprise in his first season at H-SC, giving the Tigers solid production behind the plate. The freshman first baseman is fourth on the team in batting average, third in on base percentage, and fifth in slugging percentage.

As of the Tiger going to press, Hampden-Sydney's record sits at 17-10 overall, with a 4-5 mark in ODAC play. After a mid-week game against rival Randolph-Macon, the Tigers will be back in action on Saturday, April 2nd with a doubleheader at Eastern Mennonite. H-SC will return home on April 5th against Virginia Wesleyan, with first pitch scheduled for 4 PM.

Senior Lee Carneal looks to make a play. Carneal leads the team in both RBI and OBP this season. Photo Credit: H-SC Athletics

TIGER SPORTS

Basketball Looks Towards Bright Future Following Up-and-Down Season

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The 2015-16 basketball campaign came to a disappointing halt in the end of February for the Hampden-Sydney Tigers thanks to a loss against the Lynchburg College Hornets. The loss not only ended the Tigers' season, but it also ended two players' great careers at H-SC: seniors Mike Murray (Norfolk, VA) and Mitch Owens (Williamsburg, VA).

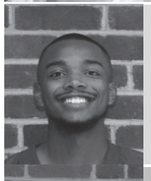
We pick up the action from February 26 in Salem, Virginia, as the Tigers faced the top-seeded Hornets of Lynchburg College in the ODAC tournament quarterfinals. Despite the optimism heading into the game, H-SC could not keep up with Lynchburg's pace. Lynchburg topped H-SC 90-67, and the Tigers returned home to another season cut short in the early rounds of the conference tournament. Owens led the Tiger offense with 17 points and Murray had 11 points and 4 rebounds in the game. Freshman Gray Cheers had 10 points and 4 rebounds, as well.

Looking back on the 2015-16 season, there was not a spectacular trip or game that consumed a preseason media frenzy like last season's opening game against the Coast Guard Academy in Puerto Rico. However, H-SC endured the long season, despite producing mixed results, including a heartbreaking six game losing streak in the middle of the season. Key victories over W&L and Randolph Macon helped boost the morale in Fleet Gym, and those victories made up for some of the puzzling defeats earlier in the season. Additionally, the final two regular season games at Fleet Gym (vs Randolph Macon and Bridgewater) helped put the team on the right track as the ODAC tournament got closer.

This was a break-out season for junior guard Jake Duncan (Williamsburg, VA) as he boasted 10.6 points per game. He started 26 of the 27 games this season, and he played a crucial role on the court as the team's only junior captain. Duncan was not the only Tiger who helped lead the offense as Murray led the overall scoring with 11.6 points per game. Murray also managed to break the career assists record, finishing with 433.

On the defensive side of the action, sophomore forward Gui Guimarães (Ribeirão Preto, Brazil) averaged 5.4 rebounds per game, and he tallied 147 over the course of the season. He has a long way to go to break into the school's top-5 rebound leaders, but as long as there are missed shots, count on Gui to fight for the ball.

Looking forward, it will be different not having Murray and Owens on the court next year, but there is no reason to fear since the team is comprised of a youthful squad that is eager to get back to the court. There will be room for the team to improve and continue to build upon its young, but experienced group. Even after a 17-10 (8-8 ODAC) season, there is always room to improve, especially since the ODAC is a highly competitive conference. Nonetheless, the Tigers will work tirelessly throughout the offseason, the recruiting efforts will continue, and the anticipation for another exciting season of basketball will last until the first tip-off of the 2016-17 season in the autumn.

Tiger Takes Athletes give their takes on off-field topics	Dream Greek Week concert	Current guilty pleasure song	H-SC needs to build...	Celebrity crush	I picked _____ to win my bracket
Kyle Fraser '16 *Lacrosse*	Outkast	"Work" by Rihanna	A trampoline house	Topanga from *Boy Meets World*	UVA
Jake Duncan '17 *Basketball*	Lil Dicky	"Sorry" by Justin Bieber	A golf course	Mila Kunis	Syracuse
 Cam Johnson '18 *Baseball*	A Tupac & Bob Marley set	"Chandelier" by Sia	New housing for upperclassmen	*heart eyes* Rihanna	Michigan State, sadly...
Tyler Blevins '19 *Baseball*	DJ Huysman	"Wide Open Spaces" by the Dixie Chicks	A townie wall	Jennifer Lawrence	UNC